

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Montpelier, Vermont**

TEAM: Independent and Federal Programs Team

ITEM: Ed-Flex Waiver Request, Rutland Central Supervisory Union (RCSU) ~ Will the State Board of Education grant a waiver to allow RCSU to exceed the 15% carryover cap of Title I funds more than once in a three year period?

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the State Board of Education approve a waiver for Rutland Central Supervisory Union to exceed the 15% carryover limit in their Title I funds for the school year 2009-2010 under their authorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Extension of the educational flexibility program under section 4 of the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999, Section 1 (a) Extension Authority.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Rutland Central Supervisory Union is operating with a new superintendent (and a relatively new business manager) this year. These administrators inherited a surplus that their predecessors failed to obligate and spend in the previous school year. Reasonable rationale for this predicament was shared and Title I program staff reviewed and support the RCSU request. The RCSU plan to move forward with their SEL program training will likely rectify this issue and benefit many of the students in Rutland Central's Title I schools.

COST IMPLICATIONS: Granting this waiver request will allow Rutland Central Supervisory Union to take full advantage of their federally funded Title I formula grant without having the excess reallocated within the State or returned to the Federal government.

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Dear Mr. Baroudi,

As per our conversation and at your suggestion, on Monday, January 11, I am applying for a Title 1 waiver because we are in excess of our allowable 15% carryover by \$30, 526.82 and do not wish to forfeit this money. The excess occurred because we did not receive our CFP grant approval until late October and had not heard anything on our application until August. We would have expended \$35,000 for our SEL program training strategy. This training did occur and the support of sustaining this program is ongoing. Our RCSU board of directors and action planning teams are part of the planning of this strategy.

I had spoken with David Baroudi and left a message for John Leu when the first notice came out about being in excess. I believed at the time that we had spent the money because I did not hear back from Mr. Leu and David said that at the time that was just an initial announcement and not to worry.

I did try to apply on the old system for the ed-flex waiver and was able to start the process and then it would not let me edit, giving me an error message each time. For this reason I am using the letter to apply for this waiver.

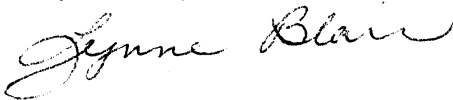
Thank you for everything you do for us.

Sincerely,

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Wendy Savery, Superintendent

Lynne Blair, CFP Coordinator

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